

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the Detailed Description

Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

[0032] FIG. 9 illustrates another embodiment of the present invention in which access door 28 has an attaching bracket or stem 46 mounted to the inner surface of door 28, with bracket 46 being adapted for telescopic engagement with square-ported hitch receiver 26, and with access door 28 being sized so as to engage the outer surface of bumper cover 18 extending about the periphery of aperture 24, so as to generally close the entirety of aperture 24, thereby concealing hitch receiver 26. Tether 48, which preferably comprises a flexible metallic or non-metallic or composite cable, has a first end attached to door 28 and a second end secured to either bumper cover 18, or to another structural component dictated by design choice. Access door 28 according to FIG. 9 includes bullet latches 44, which are driven by compression springs 50. Latches 44 allow access door 28 to accommodate a limited range of sizes of receiver 26. As with the other illustrated embodiments, aperture 24 is sized such that not only an interior portion, but also an exterior portion of hitch receiver 26 is accessible when access door 28 has been removed from its position of engagement with the outer surface of bumper cover 18.